

Our Mother of Sorrows Parish

Saint Casimir Church, Saint Ann Church and Holy Family Church

SUNDAY, APRIL 4, 2021 EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, April 4th: Easter Sunday The Resurrection of the Lord

Private Mass Intention:

Jean B. Bargielski, Anniversary by Daughters

9:00 am (SC) Confessions

9:30 am (SC) *Latin Mass* ~ Edward Kowalski,
Anniversary by Mr. & Mrs. Vic Kowalski

10:30 am (SC) Confessions

11:00 am (SC) Galla and Walach Families by Paul and
Lisa Galla

Monday, April 5th: Monday of Easter

(SC) No Public Mass or Confessions

11:30 am (SA) Confessions

12:05 pm (SA) Dr. Debra Monde, Anniversary by mother
Charlotte and Family

Tuesday, April 6th: Tuesday of Easter

(SC) No Public Mass and Confessions

11:30 am (SA) Confessions

12:05 pm (SA) Richard Bolla from Rick and Ron Bolla

Wednesday, April 7th: Wednesday of Easter

(SC) No Public Mass or Confessions

11:30 am (SA) Confessions

12:05 pm (SA) Ethel Maxumczyk by Gertrude, Jim and
Sandy Foster

5:30 pm (SC) *Latin Mass*: Mary Weschler, Anniversary
by Mr. & Mrs. Vic Kowalski

Thursday, April 8th: Thursday of Easter

(SC) No Public Mass or Confessions

11:30 am (SA) Confessions

12:05 pm (SA) Deceased Members of the Jant Family by
The Family

Friday, April 9th: Friday of Easter

(SC) No Public Mass or Confessions

11:30 am (SA) Confessions

12:05 pm (SA) In Memory of Norbert Ropiecki by sister
Delphine and Family

Saturday, April 10th: Saturday of Easter

8:30 am (SA) First Saturday Confessions

9:00 am (SA) First Saturday Mass

Intentions of our Blessed Mother, Mary

Private Mass with Fr. Priscaro (SA)

Agnes Ruza Priscaro by Betsy and Sally Mahoney

(SC) No Public Mass or Confessions

Sunday, April 11th: Divine Mercy Sunday

Private Mass with Fr. Priscaro (SA)

Halina Roman by Dolores Vollmer Family

9:00 am (SC) Confessions

9:30 am (SC) *Latin Mass* ~ John, Brian and Brenna
Laughlin by Mr. & Mrs. Jonathan Edwards

10:30 am (SC) Confessions

11:00 am (SC) John Widomski, Anniversary by Rick and
Ron Bolla

2:45 pm (SA) Confessions

3:00 pm (SA) Divine Mercy Mass

THE SANCTUARY LIGHTS

Holy Family

1) Galla & Walach Families by Paul and Lisa Galla

2) Easter Blessings to Parishioners, Family & Friends
Our Mother of Sorrows: Robert Merski, Sr. and Mildred
Merski by The Merski Family

St. Ann's

1) Joseph Pochatko by Spouse

2) Charles Chase by Spouse

St. Casimir's

1) Rev. James T. O'Hara by Parishioners

2) Rev. Ron Gmerek by Parishioners

FINANCIAL REPORT

Offertory for 3/28/2021 ~ \$3,935.93

CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL

2021 Goal: \$20,164.00

Pledged: \$11,283.00 Paid: \$6,238.00

Thank you, we continue to grow! We are now
\$8,881.00 away from reaching our goal! Thank you
to everyone who has sent in their Pledge/Payment.

There is still time to send in your pledge/payment
for the 2021 CSA. Simply use the CSA envelope in
your monthly offertory envelope packet or you may
pick one up in the back of church.

*Please remember during this time you may drop
your weekly offertory and other contributions in the
mail slot at the rectory office or mail them to the
rectory office.*

The parish office is located at
913 Fulton Street, Erie, PA 16503

Thank you for keeping the home fires burning!



Saint Ann's Church will
celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday
on Sunday, April 11th, 2021.
Confessions at 2:45PM and M
Mass at 3PM. All are welcome
and invited to attend.

The information in this bulletin is Accurate as of the Publication Date, Tuesday, March 30, 2021

FROM THE DESK OF DEACON JERRY ~ EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

Father Dan Prez is at the VA Medical center and would love to hear from us. Please send a card or letter to him at: VA Medical Center, 135 East 38th Street, Room 521, 5 West, Erie, PA 16504. Please continue to keep him in your prayers.

A special **Thank You** to everyone who worked so hard to prepare for our services and Liturgies. It truly was a team effort! It is very uplifting to be able to once again pray together in person at this most holy time of the year!

On behalf of **Msgr. Koos, Fr. Gregorek, Fr. Priscaro, Fr. Power**, and myself, we wish you and your families a most Blessed and Happy Easter. May the light of Our Risen Lord always shine in your hearts.

Staying the Course! ... Looking back over the events of this past week in Scripture we saw Jesus had been doing everything he could to reach out to people - rich and poor, everybody. Yet he faced very strong opposition to his teachings and what he was doing. Most people would probably have just thrown in the towel and walked away. But Jesus didn't give up and he did not walk away. He would go through suffering and death because he was convinced that this was the path to life. And he did it out of his immense love for each one of us. What happens to us when we face challenges or are confronted in the course of doing what is right? Do we stay the course ... or throw in the towel? We know that Jesus has been there, and with courage and determination, has confronted the same issues we have. Through the events of the past week Jesus gives us 4 lessons on how to do the same and move from Good Friday to Easter.

Lesson 1 ... "Father forgive them, they know not what they do."

Forgive those who hurt you. If you were to select 100 people at random and ask them to name the central teaching of Jesus, I'm certain the majority of answers would indicate "loving your enemies" and forgiving others. When we practice forgiveness, we express the deep gratitude we have to Jesus for paying the ultimate price to obtain forgiveness for us.

Lesson 2 ... "Amen, I say to you, today you will be with me in paradise."

Even while hanging on the cross, Jesus still reached out to others and asks us to do the same. We cannot get so caught up in ourselves that we become indifferent to those around us in need. When we reach out to others, we ourselves become whole.

Lesson 3 ... "Woman, behold your son."

We need to take care of the people who depend on us. While on the cross, Jesus still looked after the needs of his own mother. We must never let our own suffering blind us to the needs of those who rely on us.

Lesson 4 ... "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?"

Give the hard questions to God. When we feel overwhelmed or abandoned, take it to God. He will be there to take us into the palm of his hand and heal our broken hearts or make sense out of whatever is troubling us. So, go ahead and give the hard questions to God, but be ready and willing to accept his answer.

That brings us to Easter Sunday. The resurrection is not just something that happened long ago or an occasion to have a nice spring holiday. The resurrection is about now, it is a timeless and significant event where Jesus moved from devastating tragedy to an extraordinary triumph. It is our encounter with the risen Lord that moves us from our Good Friday experience to new life and gives us hope - that no matter what happens to us on this earth that if we stay the course and let Jesus into our hearts, we will be OK.

While there is still considerable pain and suffering in the world, the resurrection assures us that above it all there is immeasurable happiness and hope. Our hope is in Jesus Christ and in Him alone. Our hope is hope is that if we don't throw in the towel and we stay united to him through faith and grace, we will rise with him and live with him forever in the vast and eternal adventure of heaven. So, whatever it is you are facing - suffering, peer pressure, doubt, anxiety - take it to Jesus and talk to him about the possibilities in your life. Stay the course. Don't throw in the towel.

He has risen - Alleluia



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